

5101:2-45-02**Title IV-E candidate for family first prevention services (FFPS) program eligibility.**

(A) The Title IV-E agency may provide FFPS to eligible candidates and the child's parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s). FFPS for a child who is able to remain safely in the home of a parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s), with at least one identified approved, evidence-based practice service in place, is to be reimbursed to the Title IV-E agency as outlined in rule 5101:2-45-03 of the Administrative Code. Kinship caregiver(s) has the same meaning as in section 5101.85 of the Revised Code.

(B) A candidate for FFPS is a child, who has a screened-in report, is not in the legal responsibility for the care and placement/custody of a Title IV-E agency, is at imminent risk of removal, and at least one of the following apply:

(1) A child who has an open in-home child welfare case and is receiving services.

This includes the following types of open in-home cases:

(a) Court ordered protective supervision.

(b) Voluntary cases.

(c) Children with an in or out of home (including with kinship caregiver(s)) safety plan.

(d) Children receiving services from at least one other system in the community which may include but is not limited to juvenile justice, behavioral health, or developmental disabilities.

(e) Infants identified as being substance exposed or as being substance affected by abuse of legal or illegal substances, withdrawal symptoms, or a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder who have assessed safety factors and risk contributors.

(2) Siblings and other children in the home of a child in foster care who are:

(a) Living with the parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s) who the child in foster care was removed from; and

(b) Participants on an open case with a goal of reunification for the child who is in foster care.

(3) Siblings and other children in the home of a child who has experienced a screened-in fatality or near fatality with a substantiated or indicated disposition and has assessed safety factors and risk contributors.

- (4) Children who have discharged from legal responsibility for the care and placement/custody and achieved permanency within the last twelve months and the parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s) agrees to ongoing services.
- (5) Children who have been adopted within the last twelve months and there are assessed safety factors and risk contributors.
- (6) Children who are at risk of experiencing an adoption dissolution.
- (C) Pregnant or parenting youth in foster care in need of prevention services, including those youth who are in extended foster care, are also eligible when services are designated in the family case plan or prevention services plan prior to the provision of services.
- (D) Candidates for FFPS eligibility will be determined in the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS) by the Title IV-E agency representative when all FFPS eligibility requirements are met.
- (E) A Title IV-E agency may provide FFPS to or on behalf of the child for a twelve-month period. An additional twelve-month period, including for contiguous twelve-month periods, can be added when it is determined that the child remains eligible and documented in the child's family case plan or prevention services plan.
- (F) FFPS eligibility ends when the child no longer meets the requirements listed in paragraph (B) or (C) of this rule or when the Title IV-E agency assumes the legal responsibility for the care and placement/custody of the child.
- (G) A new FFPS episode should be created in SACWIS for pregnant or parenting youth coming into the legal responsibility for the care and placement/custody of a Title IV-E agency.

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